

in the supply of spare parts for Soviet manufactured equipment etc. These issues are being taken up with the Soviet authorities.

(c) The following steps are presently being taken to expedite the timely implementation of these projects:-

- (i) Indigenisation of spare parts to the extent possible is being undertaken.
- (ii) Major assemblies/sub-assemblies in Soviet manufactured equipment are being planned to be replaced with indigenously manufactured assemblies.
- (iii) Direct contacts with Soviet manufacturers are being made to obtain critical spares instead of limiting it to the Trading Houses of Govt. of USSR with which Coal India Ltd. had been dealing earlier.
- (iv) Parallel arrangements for procuring future equipment for these projects from other sources are also being made as felt necessary.

#### **Development of Coal Mines in Madhya Pradesh**

2316. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government for development of coal and other mines in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has approached the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c). Development of coal mines in Madhya Pradesh and other States is taken up progressively to increase production for meeting the projected demand. Projects are planned/formulated by the coal companies based on projected demand on the coalfield, development plan, techno-economic feasibility, prospects of establishing coal production etc. The present level of coal production in Madhya Pradesh is 65.36 million tonnes (1990-91). According to present projects coal production is expected to be over 77 million tonnes by 1996-97 in Madhya Pradesh.

The Ministry has received requests from Government of Madhya Pradesh/Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board for coal linkage for Bina and Raigarh TPS from Singrauli and Mand-Raigarh coal-field respectively. Coal linkages are decided by the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) on Thermal Power Stations after these Power Projects are included by the Planning Commission in the 5 year Plans.

#### **Losses to BCCL in Selling of Coal**

2317. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. has suffered losses in selling of coal;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard and if so, the finding thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (e). During 1989-90 before adjustment for Coal Price Regulation